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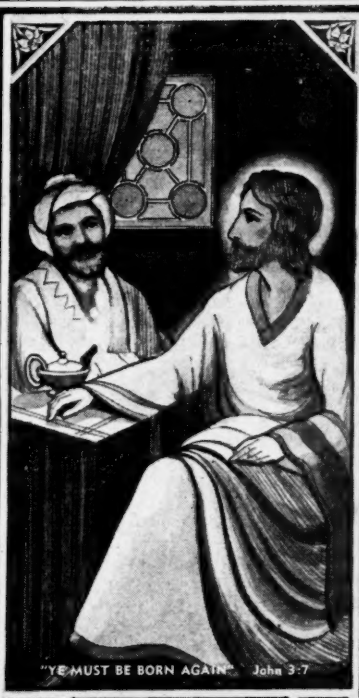

"YE MUST BE BORN AGAIN." John 3:7

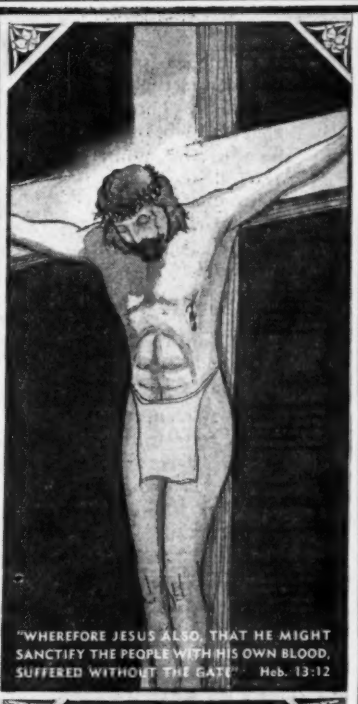
THE TRUE COMRADE

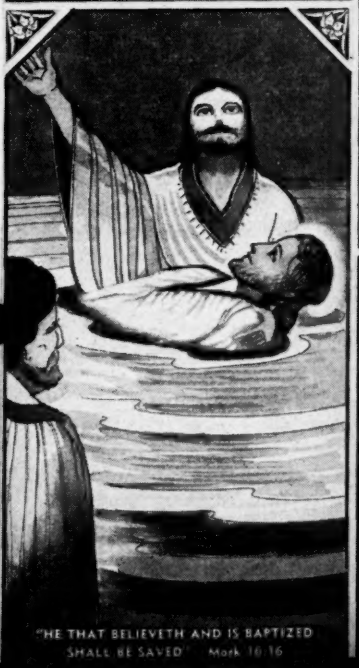
Mrs. Gussie Davis, 302 Lugh St., Greenwood, S. C.

I have a Friend, a Comrade True,
Who down from Glory came.
This Friend Divine who with me dwells
Is evermore the same.
He holds my hand; He leads me on
Lest I should from Him stray.
A better friend I'll never find;
My cares on Him I lay.

Those cords of love around me twine;
His tender voice I hear.
Each day He draws me closer thus
And whispers, "Do not fear."
And when I'm tried or tempted sore
I've but to call His name.
He's there to rescue; there to cheer.
He's evermore the same.

Sometimes His face I cannot see;
His love I scarce can feel.
But all my weakness He knows;
I to His love appeal.
I'll sing aloud His praises here;
I'll tell His wondrous love.
I've found Him true on earth below;
I'll find Him true above.


"WHEREFORE JESUS ALSO, THAT HE MIGHT SANCTIFY THE PEOPLE WITH HIS OWN BLOOD, SUFFERED WITHOUT THE GATE." Heb. 13:12


"HE THAT BELIEVETH AND IS BAPTIZED SHALL BE SAVED." Mark 16:16

"AND THEY WERE ALL FILLED WITH THE HOLY GHOST, AND BEGAN TO SPEAK WITH OTHER TONGUES." Acts 2:4

"THE CHURCH OF GOD, WHICH HE HATH PUR-

NOTICES

"To stir you up by putting you in remembrance," 2 Peter 1:13.

OUR BIBLE SCHOOL
Special Drive Set For Feb. 12, 1939

We certainly wish to express our sincere thanks to you who have contributed to the purchase of the beautiful, commodious, and most needed college site at Sevierville, Tennessee. May God bless you many, many fold for your efforts.

On or before February 12, pastors, will you please make an extra special effort to raise all you can to help meet a note which comes due February 17?

The General Assembly has asked that everyone (laity and friends) be given an opportunity to donate the amount equal to one day's work on our Bible School property.

Many of our ministers have pledged and paid one week's salary to help this most worthy cause. I have heard from different churches which are still working on their offerings and are expecting to raise a nice sum. May God bless our precious ministers who are doing everything, it seems, they can to promote every department of the Church's great program.

In one state every minister pledged one week's wages on this drive, also they are taking the matter up with their members and friends. They set April as their special time as they feel they would be able to do much more by that time. Others possibly will wait later to make a special drive for their church. We would like to ask you to come on, everyone who can, and make a special effort by February 12. Pastors, please rush the money orders, checks, etc., to Brother Boehmer and Brother Tharp in plenty of time to reach us by February 16, also be sure to mention it is for the Bible School property.

We feel special mention should be made here of the local churches having sent the most on the drive already. We don't know how much this would figure per capita but we certainly thank God for the gifts.

First place goes to McVeigh, Ky—$52.88.

Second place to Ft. Mills, S. C.—$29.20.

Third place to Easton, Md.—$26.00.

Fourth place to Greenville, S. C.—$23.35.

Fifth place to Cantwell, Mo.—$22.81.

—J. H. Walker, General Overseer.

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To the Sunday Schools and Y. P. E's of Virginia: God is still blessing in the work. Most of the Sunday Schools and Y. P. E's made a good increase this month. The Sunday School banner goes to Schoolfield for the largest increase during the month while the Y. P. E. banner goes to Bastian. This is just a young Y. P. E. but it is growing fast. Some of the older Y. P. E's had better watch out. Those of you who have not been visited by me yet, just be patient. I am getting around as fast as I can.—W. H. Ward, state Y. P. E. and S. S. superintendent.

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A home coming will be held Sunday, Jan. 29, at Fair Haven, Benson, N. C. Everybody is heartily invited. Come and bring a basket.—C. R. Rogers, Dunn, N. C.

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There will be communion and feet washing at the Church of God at Marietta, Ga. the fifth Sunday night, Jan. 29. Everybody is invited, especially saints and sister churches.—H. G. McClain, 312 Poplar St., Marietta, Ga.

Explanation

This is to certify that Brother Paul H. Walker was duly selected by the Mission Board and officially appointed by the General Overseer to the office of Field Representative of the Mission Board in West Indies and Latin America during the 33rd Annual General Assembly of the Church of God, which convened August 30 through September 4, 1938.

Unfortunately, the records do not show this announcement, which was made, consequently, his name and appointment do not appear in our regular Minutes.

We wish to express to Brother Walker and the Church at large our regret for the oversight of this important matter, which was not noticed until after the Minutes were printed.—E. J. Boehmer, Gen. Sec.-Treas.; J. H. Walker, General Overseer.

We are in a revival at Delbarton, W. Va. with Brother Paul Ross as evangelist. There are large crowds every night and many are interested. We are expecting a great harvest of souls at this place, so pray for our success.—E. H. Bowen, district overseer and pastor, Box 135, Delbarton, W. Va.

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SPECIAL NOTICE

What are your plans for evangelistic work for the year? May we help you, your committee or organization? Let us help you in planning for any large or small meeting or series of services. We can tell you the equipment needed and what it will cost on a rental or purchase basis. We can list for you every item of expense you will have, including delivery and return of equipment; erection and take-down; assembly and installation of seating and lighting, and, we can quote you on all or any part of these services. We list here some of the equipment and services offered:

1. New tents for sale. Write us size or seating capacity needed.
2. Used tents for sale. Write for list of used tents.
3. Tents for rent. Almost any size to seat from 50 to 5,000.
4. Waterproofed canvas covered tabernacles. Proven designs and methods of construction which give full satisfaction and long service. Provision for heating if desired. Portable.
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7. Scale drawings furnished for tents or tabernacles with suggested seating arrangements, location of aisles, choir, etc.
8. We offer a rental-purchase plan on good used tents.

Write Smith Manufacturing Company, Box 244, Dalton, Ga. if you are interested in same.

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We are in a real revival at Shelburn, Ind. We are having large crowds and there is lots of conviction. Please pray for the success of the meeting. God is doing some wonderful healing. Sister Mary E. Brooks, our state evangelist, is doing the preaching.—John Sharp, pastor, Shelburn, Ind.

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We are in a good revival with Brother B. E. Ellis. God is blessing. We go from here to be with Brother W. E. Johnson at Kingsport, Tenn. — W. S. Wilemon, Elizabethton, Tenn.

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We will have home coming at Shady Grove church near Magee, Miss. the fifth Sunday in this month. We will expect all members to meet us here on that day, if possible. If you can't come, drop us a line and let us hear from you. We invite all neighboring churches and preachers to come and be with us that day.—D. L. Barrett, pastor, Rt. 1, Magee, Miss.

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There will be an all-day meeting at the Varney Church of God at Varney, W. Va. on Pigeon Creek. The church sets right by the state highway and there is a large sign over the door which says "The Church of God." Bring your dinner and stay all day. It may be cold so we can not have dinner on the ground but bring your lunch anyway. We are looking for the following preachers to be present: Brothers R. A. Fielden, Douglas Sexton, A. H. Compton, Jobie

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Victory for God's People Is in the Truth Shown, Ultimately

BY HOMER C. SMITH

Right now! Does not our hearts cry out within us for truth! Truth! Truth!! Truth!!! Truth revealed, truth unveiled, truth shown! We have heard about the truth, we hear continuously about the truth, over and over again we have it told us. But, O God, now we want to see truth. Truth, like hope, surely works similar to it. Hope that is seen, Paul says, is not hope, for what a man seeth why doth he yet hope for?

The soul of man is in revolt against all but the truth. How much more the children of God. We hear a king, in the book of Kings 22:16, cry out against his messengers for bringing him false reports, "And the king said unto him (the messenger), How many times shall I adjure thee that thou tell me nothing but that which is true." O God! we need the truth! The people need the truth! The world is dying for the lack of truth! The beggar needs the truth! The poverty-stricken family needs the truth! The nondescript needs the truth! The base, the low class, the middle class, the rich need the truth! Even kings would have the truth!

In John 18:38 we hear a governor inquiring about it. "Pilate saith unto him (Jesus), What is truth?" This inquiry embraced every fundamental anxiety of the human family. This man was inquiring for truth after his many years of seeming successful rulership, and like him, after our own nation has exhausted its every unsuccessful plan to govern in peace and quiet, they too, will, as they do now, have this same question in their bosom, though probably unspoken. For the lack of truth today hordes of hellhounds are within our borders, yelping for more white flesh to conquer for their dens of young in vice and debauchery. The truth, in a measure, has in all probability kept for us thus far a privilege to worship God in America. But I warn you, brother, sister, not to waste any time further. Communism, Fascism, and all isms of Antichrist nature are rampant almost at this present writing. At least they are parasites, sucking blood from this nation, and will soon have the original color gone—the red, white and the blue. Better look to the red, royal blood of Jesus for deliverance.

The truth would have saved old Russia from departing from God. The truth would have spared Spain of her sorrow and misery. The truth would have refrained Hitler and Germany from holding the Jews as a kidnapped nation, but truth is not marching as an army now —it is only working as a diplomat works, by private invitation. Oh, but we want to see truth march as an army.

What is truth? again and again is asked. Jesus answered that question in John 17:17, "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth." What does the Word do? It is the official spokesman for the truth. Again I say, What is truth? It is the spoken Word in action; it is God in our midst; it is God with us doing the things He says in His Word He will do for us. Truth is the scene before us acting, which has been described in God's Word. Thank God for the desire to see the sermon rather than to hear it preached over and over again. To hear it is sweet, but to see it is sweeter. They saw the truth when the waters of the Red Sea divided into two walls as a block of ice is divided. Praise God! Moses didn't begin to try to appease the children of Israel by telling them what God could do. No, but he said, "Stand still and *see* the truth of God! We need now, if ever a people did, to see, to look on God in action that our faith will not forever be in battle trying to stand by our own wisdom, but we need that rest of soul in perfect peace which sight of truth brings.

It was truth that delivered the ax back to God's leader when he exclaimed and the ax did swim. It was truth that Nebuchadnezzar saw when he declared that he saw four men in the fiery furnace. The law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ. Are we living under the law that we are still to hope for truth by faith? Even under the law truth was looked upon, seen with the natural eye of natural man. We hear the king exclaim, "I see four men walking around in that fiery furnace and there is not a hair of them scorched!" Well, truth was on parade. It was truth seen when Jesus delivered the man from the tombs and had him set before the people with a suit of clothes on and his right mind restored in peace and quiet. It was truth seen as Jesus came walking on the water, bringing perfect peace to those who feared. It was truth when Peter and John made the man whole at the gate called Beautiful, in Jesus' name. Say, are we preaching Christ or are we just preaching about Him? Paul forcibly cries out that we preach not ourselves but Christ. My Lord and my God, we need to say with Elias, "Where is Elijah's God?" and contend for Him.

It was truth that delivered Peter from prison. It was truth when the lame, broken and warped, were made whole. Paul said, I came "not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and power: That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God (truth)."

Jesus said, "If ye continue in my word, ... ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." The Word of God is not bound, but the people are bound. God's people need freedom. "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth." The word is truth simply because it describes the truth. And truth is the Word in action. O God, help us to sanctify ourselves wholly that truth can be bought and given. Prov. 23: 23, "Buy the truth, and sell it not." How is it bought? By sanctification, wholly. John 17:19, "For their sakes I sanctify myself." God help us to do likewise for truth's sake. We have the ground and we have the pillar in the Church of God, for it is the pillar and ground of the truth. Surely we are safe in committing our souls unto Him as a faithful Creator for Christ's sake, for the truth. Again, "If ye continue in my word, ... ye shall know the truth (of my word), and the truth shall make you free." How can we know the truth of the Word? By proving the Word. Paul says, "Prove all things." The truth (God) has only described Himself (truth) through His Word. We reveal the truth by proving the Word. How is it proved? Paul says, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice (he didn't say lives, but he said bodies, which presents before us a different aspect and accomplishment), holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: (if we present our bodies to God we certainly will not remain in conformation with this ungodly world) but be ye transformed (changed) by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." The world as a whole is enjoying God's will, but too many of us, as Christians, are guessing at His acceptable will, trusting that what we offer Him for service He will accept it. But God is anxiously waiting for us to step out with our all, our best, to know His perfect will, to do it, which ushers in the truth. Truth, truth, truth. Is the truth with the price? Yes. For in Rom. 8:18 we find, "For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God." Yes, the creatures of God are waiting for our victory. Praise God!

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EDITORIALS

Eternal Life

God Is Its Source

"For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself; and hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man," John 5:26, 27.

In the beginning God had power to make man and create in him life, and Jesus in this chapter is explaining the resurrection and He says the hour will come and now is when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and they shall live. Then He explains that the Father hath given the Son power over the dead to bring them back to life again. All life has its origin in God, and God gave to the Son this same power and it is through Jesus Christ that we may have life. So far as man's temporal life is concerned God had given him such things as He saw he needed and in all His provision He made them to be the possessor of all the things He had created, but the enemy, Satan, deceived man and took from him the most blessed thing, that is, the hope of eternal life. God dealt very graciously through the dispensation of law, then Jesus came on the scene and introduced the dispensation of grace and made it possible for man to possess the glorious blessing of eternal life.

The Risen Christ Is Its Channel

"Who is made, not after the law of a carnal commandment, but after the power of an endless life. For he testifieth, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec," Heb. 7:16, 17.

Here the life of Jesus and His priesthood is compared to that of Melchisedec. Melchisedec was divinely appointed by the Lord and his priesthood and office work was directed solely by the Lord Himself. In his administration we have some beautiful things and even Abraham recognized him and paid him honor. When Christ appeared the fulfillment of all the past commandments and prophecies took place, and it is through Him that we have the promise of eternal life. Every one that ever lived will live somewhere, but this eternal life has reference to the joy and blessings that will come to the redeemed soul, saved from hell with all of its horrors and made partaker of heaven with all of its joys. Christ is the Son of God with power and His administration is after the order of Melchisedec because He is strictly following the will of His Father and through no other source can we have eternal life.

The Holy Spirit Is Its Power

"For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: that the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit," Rom. 8:2-4.

The provisions that God had made under the law were only a schoolmaster to bring us to Christ or the promised Redeemer. All the law and its ordinances were fashioned after man, but Christ was the Son of God with power and He had power to forgive sin and destroy the carnal mind and bring man back into a state of holiness. The weakness of the law was that men came often to offer sacrifice to repent and gain favor with God, but Christ with His power to bless was offered once for all and all who come unto Him by faith may receive pardon that will bring them into favor with God as long as they walk in the way that He has ordained for them. It was by the fall of man that the sin of the flesh came and that same principle is born in every child, but when the righteousness of Christ takes charge then we can walk in the Spirit and be free from these sinful things that came through the fall.

Faith Is Its Receiver

"He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him," John 3:36.

It is through faith in the Son of God that we may be able to receive the promise of eternal life. Without faith it is impossible to please God. The Bible says have faith. Faith is a thing that comes by hearing or reading the Word of God. It is possible for every individual who will come unto Jesus Christ to have faith. Faith is the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen. There must be a taking hold of God's promises by the individual if he receives this great blessing.

Faith Is Its Evidence

"For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness. What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things is death. But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life," Rom. 6:20-22.

The perfect work that Jesus came to do and in His final death made possible, may be received by faith. We who receive Him by faith have the evidence by the life that we live that we are the children of God and have been made partakers of His holiness. The perfect work of Christ brings holiness to the hearts of those who receive Him. This is one thing that has puzzled the minds of great men. They try to delve into this work of grace wrought in the heart by the Holy Ghost, using their powers to think and their methods and theories, and of course they miss the mark, but if we place ourselves on God's altar with a penitent heart and continue by faith in Him, God is able to help us not only understand this great work but receive it in our hearts. Only those who have been made partakers of His holiness can understand and explain it to others.

"And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness. And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life," 1 John 5:19, 20.

"If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory," Col. 3:1-4.

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The PERRY-SCOPE

Treasures—New and old From Far and Near

Conducted by SAM C. PERRY, 52 N. W. 35th St., Miami, Fla.

The Hypocrite, Who Is He?

It was a terrible thing in the days of Jesus to be a hypocrite, but it is worse today. Jesus comdemned sin of every shade, and in no uncertain terms, but He offered mercy to the sinner.

Jesus charged the hypocrite with remaining outside the kingdom, and worse still of keeping others out who would have entered. "Woe unto you," he said, "therefore ye shall receive the greater damnation" (Matt. 23:14).

The hypocrite is a man who does not act what he professes to be. The scribes and Pharisees seemed to know little of God and His will, yet they knew enough to please Him well had they cared to do so. If faithlessness in that which they knew of God made them so objectionable to Him, faithlessness then on our part, who have so much light, will make us look much worse still in His sight. How much greater is our light, and how more grievous then in God's sight to sin against that light.

1. Salvation from all sin is offered to every believer in Christ in this gospel age. The blood of Jesus is the positive and complete remedy for the malady of sin in its every aspect. This is set forth in no unmistakable terms in the teachings of Jesus and His apostles. The sinner is absolutely without excuse for his sin. Yet we have thousands of professed Christians over the land who excuse their sins of selfishness, pride, covetousness, evil tempers, various ungodly practices and habits as though they were nothing. This is indeed a tersible arraignment, we are aware, but such in God's sight are hypocrites!

2. We have a plain scriptural statement that "if any man have not the Spirit of Christ he is none of his" (Rom. 8:9), and the whole tenor of the gospel bears out this thought. Then where can professed Christian ministers, church officials, Christian parents, or any type of Christian find authority for dealing with or walking before any person other than in the Spirit of the meek and lowly Christ, our great Master? To profess to be a Christian is to profess to be a Christlike person. Then professing Christians who do not live and act Christlike do not live what they profess and are therefore to be classed with the hypocrites.

3. The Christian is a follower of Christ, our Savior. Jesus denied Himself, bore the cross, and suffered for us. None can follow Him but over the same route — cross-bearing, suffering, self-denial. You have got to go this way or you cannot be His follower! (Read Matt. 16:24.)

Then what about the ministers and Christians who deny themselves nothing? They shun the cross, that is, they refuse to take a stand for their Lord when they think it would bring suffering or reproach, and if things do not go to suit them, they lament and growl about the injustice of this and that. Remember, it is the hypocrite spirit that puts self and his comforts and interests first. God and others with him are last, at best.

4. The hypocrite seeks to make a show of himself, not his Lord. Certain kinds of preaching, singing, praying, and even testimonies bear the hypocrite stamp. Some things religious and of a spiritual bearing can be learned and practiced without any Holy Ghost unction—empty forms, "a sounding brass," "a tinkling cymbal." This many have found. This is the hypocrite's art.

The fast express with its cargo of precious lives is never far from the ditch. The inch and a half wheel flange that holds the train to the rail is its dependence. And so with the Spirit-filled Christian who moves forward with blessings and victory—one step and he is over the line, in the flesh, loses the Spirit, and that fine touch of spiritual life and fellowship with God is disrupted. Then what happens? Many, we fear, go right on professing, with the same forms, words, and expressions, but such are fruitless, lifeless trees! Truly we believe there was never such an array of backsliders and hypocrites in the world as today.

Let us watch and pray!

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God has a perfect right to require us to be holy, since He has provided grace to make us so, and He has offered it to us upon conditions with which we are able to comply.—*Copied.*

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When thou prayest, rather let thy heart be without words than thy words without heart.—*Bunyan.*

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If God came in and saved you over your unconfessed and unforsaken sins, He would become a party to your sins, and this He will not do. But He will come if you confess and forsake sin and make His paths straight.

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Crime Wave Cure

Sound advice is thus given by Alfred J. Talley, former Chief Assistant District Attorney, New York, who says:

"If the public who read the newspaper accounts of holdups, burglaries, and murders knew the ages of the prisoners held for them, they would be startled. The proportion of them that are acts of boys and girls between fourteen and nineteen is alarming.

"The majority of the children today receive very little home training. From the time they rise in the morning and go to school, it is but a question of getting ready to leave the house. After the school day is over come the play hours outdoors. At dinner the child receives no attention but that necessary during the meal, and either the hours between dinner and bedtime are spent in play or in home work or running wild.

"The hours of Sunday meant for the attendance at Sunday School are too short. One day a week is not enough to devote to the development of that part of humanity that will dominate crime—the religious side. It's a terrible pity that the home worship has become passe, as it certainly has."—*Selected.*

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Someone Forgot

A little boy living in the most poverty-stricken part of a great city found his way into a mission Sunday School, and became a Christian. One day not long after, someone tried to shake his faith by asking him some puzzling questions:

"If God really loves you, why doesn't He take better care of you? Why doesn't He tell someone to send you a pair of shoes?"

Thinking a moment with tears rushing to his eyes:

"I think He does tell somebody, but somebody forgets."—*Unknown.*

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Victory

When you are content with any food, any raiment, any climate, any society, any solitude, any interruption by the will of God—*that is victory.*

When you can lovingly and patiently bear with any disorder, and irregularity, any unpunctuality, or any annoyance—*that is victory.*

When you can stand face to face with waste, folly, extravagance, spirituality, insensibility, and endure it all as Jesus endured it—*that it victory.*

When you never care to refer to yourself in conversation, or to record your own good works or to itch after commendation, when you can truly love to be unknown—*that is victory.*

When your good is evil spoken of, when your wishes are crossed, your taste offended, your advice disregarded, your opinions ridiculed, and you take it all in patient, loving silence—*that is victory.*—Tract.

News From the Mission Field

"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature," Mark 16:15.

ZENO C. THARP, Secretary of Mission Board

The Church of God at Barbados

Dear Church of God family, it has been some time since I last wrote to the Evangel, but thanks be to God, I am still working for the Master and doing my best amid many trials to win souls for His kingdom. The month of November has been the rainiest month here for ninety-five years; in some parts of the Island there has fallen thirty-one inches of rain. This has done a great deal of damage to the crops and has been a sore trial to the poor laboring class as many have been unable to work for three weeks in November. Then the heavy rains have washed away bridges and caused landslides and many poor people have had their cultivation washed away or covered up by the floods, others have had to run out of their houses at the middle of night when they awoke to find two feet or more water in their houses.

However, our neighboring island, St. Lucia, has suffered still more than Barbados, they having had three weeks of a continual downpour, when it is reported up to thirty-five inches of rain has fallen in twenty-two hours, causing great floods and an avalanch of mud and stone when the side of a mountain some 1,500 feet high broke away and thousands of pounds of earth and stone came down, burying up two villages and killing about two hundred people.

We are thankful to say that none of our people have been hurt or killed, and while there were two weeks that we were not able to keep our regular services, we have been able to make some visits and hold meetings. I have been able to pay visits to Crabhill, Eckstein Village, Deacons Road, Dayrrals Road, Westbury Road, Long Bay and Kirtons St. Philips and also Waverly Cott and help in meetings. Many of our churches had planned revivals for November but the rain has greatly hindered, but we are thankful to say some have been saved and sanctified and many blessed, and we are moving on in Jesus' name. Pray for the work in Barbados. I am glad to say that two souls were saved and eight came seeking a higher blessing in the meetings which the Lord helped me to keep for the month. To God be all the glory.—J. B. Winter, evangelist.

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Excerpts

From letters written by Mrs. Hoyle Case, missionary to India, to her father, Brother T. F. Blackwell

(CONTINUED FROM LAST ISSUE)

You asked about the quilt material. Some of the cloth is English made and some of it Indian made. Yes, there is manufacturing in India. Not long ago Brother Cook made quite a long tour through the Tamil district, visiting outstations. His son, George, went along to drive the car. George tells of visiting a large cotton mill somewhere on their trip. He enjoyed it greatly. Most Indian cloth does not hold its color; somehow their dyes are not good.

You asked about my washing. The men who wash clothes are called dhobe (the "h" is silent). They work very cheap, but are rough on the clothes, or rather the rocks upon which they beat them are rough! I have a dhobe do most of my clothes, but wash out some things at home, by hand. As to electric washers, one may be used in the hills, where there is electricity, but even then it must be a certain kind of meter or motor, to fit in with the voltage. I don't know electrical terms enough to explain it. Anyway mama's wouldn't work. However, there are washers for sale at a certain English store here in Octacamund, and also you can buy electrical refrigerators here. A friend of the Cooks (an English nurse and schoolteacher) has a refrigerator. She offered to freeze anything for the Cooks sometimes, so the other day she offered and they made a custard and sent it to her and she froze it for us. Surely was a treat. Of course, their generosity cannot be imposed upon by frequent repetition of this.

You asked about the value of $1.00 here. Indian money is in rupees and annas. For $1.00 we now get two rupees and eight annas, thus making one anna worth about 2½ cents. However, in the long run a dollar does not go so much farther here than at home, because, while some things are cheap others are very high, so that the cost of living is about the same as at home. If we would live as the natives, using their diet, etc., we certainly could live far cheaper, but we prize our health too much to do that unless we have to or feel it is God's will, for if we lose our health, then we cannot be on the battlefield.

This is Thanksgiving Day. Wonder what all of you are doing at home. Sister Cook made a cake to celebrate, and we are going to have fish instead of turkey! This day is a Mohammedan holiday here. All the shops, post office, etc., are closed, as well as the schools. By the time this reaches you, you will be home for Christmas. I'm glad you can be at home then; we should be glad to, but God's will comes first. Sister Ballew wrote me the other day and wished for us that our first Christmas in India shall be the best one we have ever had. It is cool like fall early in the mornings now up here in Ooty, but by Christmas time, we shall be in the heat, so I guess it won't seem much like Christmas. Hope all of you have a good Christmas. Remember we are happy a way over here, not happy because we are away from home, but happy in spite of being away because we are in God's service.

Our baby, born in India, is a British subject at present, however, we have begun the procedure of registering her birth with the American Consul at Madras, so that she will be registered as an American citizen. First, we had to send the Consul her birth certificate, then fill out a form which is copied four times, one copy sent to Washington, D. C., for record, one we keep, and the others kept at the Consul's office in Madras. Later we must have her picture made and put on our passports, so that when we get ready to come home, there will be no trouble in bringing her too. Until this procedure is completed, Sylvia Sue is a British subject, but within a few days she will be registered as an American citizen. If this were neglected, trouble would arise when we return to U. S. A. I heard of some missionaries who had not registered the birth of their child, and when they were ready to disembark at Los Angeles or New York, the officers would not let them land in U. S. A. unless they forfeited their baby because the baby was really a British subject. Of course, they would not give up their baby, so they went to Canada and lived until they could go through the procedure to obtain citizenship in U. S. A. for their baby, which is much more complicated than when it is taken care of at the time of birth.

A roll of films for our kodak costs about 50c and the development, which is done here in Ooty, about the same price. For a living the natives farm chiefly. However, some are employed in the stores and shops, some are tailors, others are in various businesses—barber work (the other day when we went to the market for street meeting, we saw a barber at work on a man's head right out in the public); doctors, nurses, dentists, etc. They use just an old stick to plow with; bullocks pull the plows. Several years ago Brother Cook spent quite a bit of his own money to purchase and have sent to him a modern plow, which was being manufactured somewhere here in India. He thought he would introduce its use to his people in Travancore, thus lightening their

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BIBLE SCHOOL ECHOES

"Study to show thyself approved unto God," 2 Tim. 2:15.

NAMES AND AMOUNTS PAID BY THE FOLLOWING ON THE BIBLE TRAINING SCHOOL

S. J. Wood, $50.00; Zana E. Wright, $10.00; Zeno C. Tharp, $50.00; J. B. Ellis, $21.00; J. H. Walker, $50.00; Mrs. Margaret Helman $25.00; J. L. Dorman, $5.00; No name, $10.00; No name, $1.00; R. P. Johnson, $50.00; Ralph Tedder, $10.00; J. L. Hathcock, $10.00; J. M. Snyder, $5.00; John L. Stephens, $50.00; E. J. Boehmer, $35.00; Mrs. Ela Dillard, $50.00; D. R. Butler, $2.00; Max L. Atkins, $10.00; R. R. Walker, $50.00; A. M. Sapp, $15.00; C. M. Padgett, $2.00; E. E. Simmons, $2.00; Mrs. Minnie Beatty, $1.00; S. T. Duckworth, $1.00; Mrs. Douglas, $0.25; John Connatser, $10.00; E. M. Ellis, $50.00; Sister Flora Trim, $10.00; E. C. Jennings, $3.18; P. F. Fritz, $25.00; Mrs. L. B. Moody, $1.00; H. N. Scoggins, $10.00; Ralph Koshewitz, $5.00; H. L. Whittington, $50.00; Brother Loveway, $3.00; J. W. Busby, $2.00; Gertrude Alexander, $5.00; Lemuel Johnson, $15.00; E. N. Lovin, $5.00; Johnnie C. Moore, $1.75; Linwood Jacobs, $5.00; Stuart White, $5.00; Clyde Atkins, $6.25; Rosa Lee Phillips, $4.00; W. H. Ward, $7.10; F. L. Muller, $3.50; H. E. Ramsey, $50.00; J. C. Padgett, $8.00; Fred Chambers, $10.00; L. T. Bolen, $3.00; Rinda Ramey, $10.72; U. D. Tidwell, $50.00; F. D. Hardee, $2.34; T. A. Richard, $25.00; B. J. Pharr, $10.00; Louise Bell, $2.00; Gertrude Palmer. $1.00; Fred Allen, $10.00; H. N. Scoggins, $15.00; Frances Dekle, $7.50; R. H. Walker, $6.00; J. P. Peoples, $2.00; H. O. Harris, $5.00; Max Brandt, $15.38; Archie McWilliams, $4.91; Willis Carden, $5.00; W. L. Shires, $4.20; Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Shaw, $1.00; Mrs. Henrietta Keith, $5.00; R. C. Hodge, $10.00; T. L. Willix, $1.00; John Sharp, $20.00; J. C. Vaughn, $4.00; Loda Wilkerson, $.50; Rosia Ralph, $.50; G. L. Jones, $2.50; Mrs. Mary Tiger, $1.00; Mrs. Flora Golden, $1.00; F. L. Muller, $2.00; A. B. Dixon, $50.00; T. W. Godwin, $5.00; J. N. Azlin, $1.53; E. A. Stillwell, $2.25; R. D. Futch, $2.00; D. L. Lemons, $25.00; D. A. Biggs, $5.00; J. N. White, $2.68; (Lois Blanton, Lucile Blanton, T. T. Peterson, Clara Wingate—one day each), $11.57; W. B. Hawk, $3.00; Tip Snap, $2.00; J. E. Temple, $2.00; Linwood Jacobs, $8.00; James W. Rowley, $5.00; J. R. Mullinax, $1.50; John McCullough, $.50; A. H. Hemphill, $2.00; Mrs. A. H. Hemphill, $1.00; S. W. Latimer, $50.00; S. C. Chambers, $10.00; E. C. Pace, $1.69; Richard Earnhardt, $2.00; H. L. Taylor, $5.00; L. S. Cooper, $5.00; E. E. Byington, $4.25; Edith Brown, $1.82; Zora French, $2.24; Carrie Poucher, $1.00; Wanda Duncan, $.50; Essie Mae Golden, $2.00; Scott Langley, $5.00; J. M. Dalton, $6.00; W. R. Wilbanks, $1.67; Ben L. Smith, $1.45; R. L. Cameron, $5.40; M. L. Lowe, $22.92; W. J. Blair, $8.00; Lula L. Jones, $13.15; C. G. Carder, $5.00; J. L. Ball, $6.40; Bill Morris, $10.00; W. E. Raney, $25.00; F. B. Marine, $25.00; Hubert Flowers, $10.00; Carl Milligan, $5.00; Henry Carroll, $1.00; Stella Carroll, $1.00; Ed. Carroll, $1.00; Vergie Carroll, $1.00; Charlie Ashley, $1.00; C. M. Keys, $10.00; Ben Smith, $1.45; M. H. Childers, $10.00; H. H. Beasley, $5.00; Louie Tacket, $1.00; B. L. Hicks, $37.50; Lina Bolt, $3.00; Darie St. John, $4.40; W. E. Pope, $2.64; M. K. Henry, $1.00; A. R. Hughes, $2.40; B. W. Watson, $5.00; Hattie Wilson, $2.55; L. L. Hughes, $11.16.

CHURCHES PAID TO B.T.S.

Cumberland, Ky., $2.00; Charlotte, N. C., $15.25; LaBelle, Fla., $5.12; Parkridge Church, Eli, Ky., $1.00; Ravenna, Ky., $5.25; Horse Branch, Ky., $2.00; Lannius Church, Dodd City, Tex., $5.00; Sunny South, Ala., $3.25; Olney, Tex., $1.80; Wishek, N. Dak., $10.54; Fort Mill, S. C., $29.20; Lakeworth, Fla., $6.00; Strait Creek, Ala., $3.00; Rochester, Texas, $1.00; Selman City, Texas, $1.00; Shelburn, Ind., $2.60; Richburg, Miss., $.70; Fonde, Ky., $1.12; Borger, Texas, $10.00; Barboursville, Ky., $2.00; Hot Springs, N. Mex., $5.00; West Asheville, N. C., $5.05; McIntosh, N. Dak., $3.54; Hamilton, Ohio, $2.00; Mooresville, N. C., $3.75; Christopher, Ky., $2.16; Zellwood, Fla., $5.00; Elkins, W. Va., $2.31; Thornton, Ky., $1.03; Greer, S. C., $10.05; Wichita Falls, Tex., $7.00; Ladonia, Tex., $1.00; Parrott, Va., $2.10; Clarks Chapel church, $1.00; Echols, Ky., $1.00; Slater, S. C., $3.00; Williamsburg, Ky., $1.50; Isaban, W. Va., $1.00; Churches of Mississippi, $63.00; Gettysburg, S. Dak., $4.32; McVeigh, Ky., $52.88; Candler, N. C., $14.00; Lebanon and Tolstoy, S. Dak., $3.00; Lacoochee, Fla., $1.62; Port Huron, Mich., $2.68; Tifton, Ga., $3.45; Anniston, Ala., $3.00; Woodman, Ky., $1.96; Dora, Ala., $7.50; Greenville, S. C. $23.35; Zion, Ala., $2.10; Easton, Md., $26.00; Crisfield, Md., $12.17; St. Luke, Md., $2.10; Pine Top, W. Va., $.35; Wimauma, Fla., $2.50; Somerset, Ky., $10.00; Nancy, Ky., $6.50; Cleveland, Tenn. (auditorium), $16.41; Petersburg, W. Va., $1.57; Reform, Ala., $5.00; Mobeetie, Tex., $3.00; Crab Orchard, Ky., $.70; Corona, Calif., $1.61; Carbon, Ind., $2.00; Avon Park, Fla., $1.30; Etowah, Tenn., $10.10; Detroit, Mich. (West Side), $15.16; Middlesboro, Ky., $2.25; Pine Top, W. Va., $.35; Cantwell, Mo., $22.81; Shawmut, Ala., $1.21; Perry, Fla., $6.00; Montgomery, Ala., $5.00; Washington, Pa., $4.82; Arcadia, Fla., $10.00; Paxton, Ind., $1.00; Double Springs, Ala., $1.50; Adamsville, Ala., $5.45; Highway, Ala., $3.00; Bayard, W. Va., $.74; Blythe, Calif., $.35; Santa Bottom, Ala., $1.05; Neon, Ky., $1.00; Eldorado, Md., $1.00.

Enjoying Bible School

I am so thankful to be in Bible School. I was called for the Lord's service in my youth. I was a member of the Lutheran church and there was no chance to answer God's call. My heart was so heavy and a dissatisfied life I lived. Then the Lord brought me out to the Church of God. I was born again and the call in my heart was renewed, and it was more real, to go out in the highways and hedges and bring them in. I consecrated myself to the Lord and did what my hands found to do, gave out tracts and did personal work.

Finally my family all grew up and now have homes of their own. I was left alone and the impression from the Lord came to me so strongly to go to Bible School. At last I made up my mind to come, so I am here in my middle age enjoying this good Bible School, preparing for the Master's work.

This is surely a good place to be. The teachers here have no respect of person, they treat everyone alike. They learn to fear the Lord and let the Holy Ghost have His way. This is really a workshop like as where the potter molds the clay and makes it over again. It is a real filling station where you can be refilled. It's a place where we put Jesus first in every way, and anyone who has a desire or call to work for the Lord, just come to Bible School and your talent will surely be brought out.—Heneretta Vink, Reading, Pa.

The Church of God B. T. S.

The Church of God B. T. S.
Is the place for girls and boys to go,
To study God's Word and be blessed,
And be filled with His love for the lost to show.

The teachers are kind and true,
Ready to help everyone to stand;
Even when you are sad and blue,
They are ready to lend a helping hand.

If you have come to this school,
And Satan has you in distress,
Don't be discouraged and feel blue,
Request prayer from the dear old B. T. S.

They'll take it to God alone,
Soon you will be glad this you have done,
Praising God who is on the throne,
Singing truly, I the victory have won.

If students fail B. T. S.
And the rules of the school you do break,
Your own soul God will fail to bless,
Your opportunity from you He will take.

I'm glad I'm in B. T. S.
And preparing God's work to do;
I want to give the Lord my best,
And win one of those mansions beyond the blue.

When to the judgment I'll come,
I'll hear my Savior say, Well done;
My faithful one, you're welcome home,
To live while eternity is rolling on.

—A B. T. S. student, *Willie Mae Carroll, Lindale, Ga.*

Friday P. M. Service, Jan. 6

We rejoiced as we sang "His Love Lights the Way," and how well we know that His matchless love is illuminating our pathway to the "heavenly home." Following the devotional the Melody Boys sang "He Said If I Be Lifted Up."

"The Guidance of the Lord" was the subject of Brother E. R. Heaton. As children of God our objective should be to direct souls who have gone astray to the paths of righteousness. An encouraging message in song was the singing of "Keep Smiling Through the Rain" by the Ladies' Quartet No. 1.

Sister Virginia Rutherford proclaimed the greatness of the assistance of the Lord as she spoke on "The Christian's Help." Though other sources of help fail, it is reassuring to know that we can depend upon Jesus in every distressing circumstance. Coinciding with the truth presented in the message was the song rendered by the Dunn Trio, "O Lord, Lead Me On."

Our lives should be a pattern of good works and Brother Charley Taylor impressed us with this need as he spoke concerning "Being An Example."—Reporter, Edith Brous.

RADIO BROADCASTS

We will be glad to publish your broadcasts if you will send them in to us.

WRGA, Rome, Ga. The Church of God, A. H. Batts, pastor, each Monday from 10:30 to 11:00 a. m.

WCSC, Charleston, S. C. 1360 KC, each Sunday from 8:30-9:00 a. m. Church of God, Porter M. White, pastor.

WSPA, Spartanburg, S. C. Each Sunday at 3:00-3:30 p. m. Odis Smith in charge.

WNOX, Knoxville, Tenn. each Saturday at 10:30 a. m. C.S.T., Church of God Bible Training School, Sevierville, Tenn.

WAPO, Chattanooga, Tenn., Soddy, Daisy and North Chattanooga Churches of God, each Saturday morning from 6:00-6:30.

WBIG, Greensboro, N. C., 1440 KC, each Sunday evening 5:45. A. M. Phillips, pastor.

WATL, 1370 KC, Atlanta, Ga. Church of God, 4:00-4:30 p. m., each Sunday. W. T. Nelson, pastor.

WOPI, Bristol, Tenn., 1500 KC. Each Sunday from 7:15 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. E.S.T. R. C. Cook, pastor.

WBTM, Danville, Va. Each Sunday from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. A. O. Stewart, district overseer.

KGDE, Fergus Falls, Minn. Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1:15 to 1:45 p. m. Each Sunday 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. H. E. Ramsey in charge.

★ YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT ★

To Young People

By A. H. Batts

Fathers and mothers, God bless you. You are so kind to us, and so watchful for our soul's welfare, and we love you for it. But will you please give us a little space here for a special service? Thank you.

Boys and girls, God bless you. As a young man myself, for a long time I have been impressed to write to you. No, No, not that I doubt you. I have confidence in you because you are strong; you are soldiers of the cross. Jesus is the captain. And the text will tell you how I feel about you. Listen! *"I have written unto you, young men* (and girls), *because ye ARE STRONG, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one,"* 1 John 2:14.

"WE KNOW that whosoever is born of God sinneth NOT, but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one TOUCHETH HIM NOT," 1 John 5:19.

"For WHATSOEVER is born of God OVERCOMETH the WORLD: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith," 1 John 5:4.

"YE ARE OF GOD, LITTLE CHILDREN, and have overcome them, because greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world," 1 John 4:4.

With God for our Father and Christ for our Captain, the Word of God abiding in us, baptized with the mighty Holy Ghost and FIRE, and with a victorious faith, I feel like we can go forward moving mountains, plucking up sycamore trees, treading on serpents, casting out devils, building church houses, preaching the gospel, singing, shouting, praying without fainting, and in everything giving thanks to God.

We are strong in the Lord and the power of His might, our feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace, our loins girt about with truth, having on the breastplate of righteousness, and the shield of faith wherewith ye SHALL BE ABLE to quench ALL THE FIERY DARTS OF THE DEVIL. Yea, all the fiery darts of the devil; all the worldliness, all lust, all pride. Yes, all of this is of the devil and we have overcome him because we are strong in the Lord. Not only these things, but the sword, pestilence, famine and death, things present, things to come, angels, devils, powers, nor any other creature shall be able to separate us from the love of Christ. Nay, in all these things we are MORE THAN CONQUERORS through Him who loved us. Yes, praise God for power over the world and the wicked one. Hallelujah for the Holy Ghost.

Thank God for an army of young people who are filled with a holy flame, marching on, conquering every foe. More than conquerors. Think of this. How can it be? Look at our little brother away over there on the back side of the farm, sitting on a rock watching a few sheep, his older brothers in the army. As he watches the sheep, listen! what is that he is playing on that harp? "The Lord is my shepherd I SHALL NOT WANT." Look! Look! a bear, a bear comes to devour. David runs and sails on this beast and delivers the lamb out of the paw of the bear, because he is strong. Listen! Listen! What is that I hear? It is a little lamb crying for his shepherd. Look! look again, little David (Y. P. E. worker), a lion this time—the king of the jungle. What will ye do now? Arise in the power of God. For "we can do all things through him who strengtheneth us." "The slothful man said, 'a lion is in the way,' but the righteous shall be BRAVE AS A LION." And "he that overcometh shall inherit ALL THINGS; . . . . but the FEARFUL, and UNBELIEVING . . . shall have their part in the lake of fire," Rev. 21:7, 8.

After this, David behaved himself more wisely before the Lord, until one day Jesse called him and said, "Son, we have more work for you to do." Yes, plenty of work for those who will work at the right time and in the right place. "Carry this lunch to your brothers. They are in the battle with the Philistines." "Who, me? You mean me, the bear and lion killer, do a little simple job like this?" Oh yes, my friends, be faithful in the least and God will trust you with greater. "Who is this young fellow?" asks one of the jealous soldiers. "It is the son of Jesse with a lunch—something to eat. You had better hurry and get out of here, son; this is no service for little boys like you." "Bo-o-o-o-o! Ho-o-o-o-o! Hush! Listen! What is this? Who is this? What man of war! What is the trouble with you? Why do your knees smite one against the other?" "Run! Run! It is Goliath, the giant of the Philistines. Run!" "Who, me? Not from an uncircumcised Philistine. Give me five stones and my slingshot. I killed a bear and a lion, and God will deliver this Philistine unto my hands." "Come back, David! Come back! You are just a lad, and this man is a man of war from his youth." "Yes, this may be true, my brother, but he comes to me with shield and sword, but I come in the NAME of the God of Israel."

Watchman, what of the battle? What of the night? Look! Look! it is David coming. He has killed the giant with a stone, cut off his head with his own sword. Publish it! Hurrah! Tell the king that the battle is over. The victory is won. The giant is dead. Girls, beat the tamborines; dance, sing, and shout in the streets. Yes, more than conquerors. The devil is dead, and enough stones left to kill four more giants.

Come on, Samuel, with your horn of oil, and anoint this hero of the cross king of Israel. How is it, David, to be king, and wear a crown? Indeed a great honor to be conferred upon a farm boy. But nothing to be compared to the crown of glory that fadeth not away, that is waiting for all who are kept by the power of God.

Lift up the hands that hang down, strengthen the feeble knees: let the weak say I am strong. Go through, go through the gates; lift up the standard for the people. Cast ye up, cast ye up, make a highway. Take up the stumbling block out of the way; stamp down the thorns and briars; kick out the stones. Make smoothe paths for the tender feet. Our God is a mighty God, King of all the earth, and Savior of the world. Come to Him, all the ends of the earth, and be saved. Quit yourselves like men. Be STRONG.

REPORT

FREDERICKTOWN, Mo.—I am glad to write a few lines this morning to the best paper in the world, as it carries good news far and near and comforts hearts sometimes that the good people of God can't reach.

My heart is burdened this morning for my children. They are all unsaved and blinded by the glitter of the world the devil has prepared to ensnare them. I wish I could tell all the people in the world how dear Jesus is and how He comes and comforts us at the hours of midnight. Sometimes we feel like we can't go on any further, then we just stand still and see the salvation of the Lord. As long as we try to do things by ourself we don't get very far, so I have come to that place this morning and don't know which way to look, but I know God is still there if I can just see the way He shows me. Bless His dear name.

I wish you a prosperous new year with good salvation.—Your sister in Christ, Julia LaChance.

★ Boys and Girls ★

Again There Are Many People in the World

By Irene Wales

You remember that at the time of the flood everybody in the world and every living creature was drowned except Noah and his wife and his three sons and their wives—eight persons in all—and two of every animal and fowl. Just eight persons left in all the world. Do you suppose they were lonesome or afraid? I don't think so. I imagine they were happy and for a while at least there was no wickedness in the world.

As time passed by several children were born to each of Noah's three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth. These children grew up and were married and had children, so Noah had a good many grandchildren. Then the grandchildren grew up and married and had children of their own. So after a while there were many people in the world again and they began to build cities and some of these cities became very large.

One time we learned that Adam and Eve, the first man and woman, and their children and grandchildren lived to be nearly a thousand years old. But Noah and his children lived to be around six hundred years old. Then his grandchildren lived to be around five hundred years old. After that, people lived to be four hundred years old, then three hundred, and then God cut down the life of man to one hundred and fifty years, and today only a few people live to be a hundred years old.

As the number of the people increased they began to spread far and wide over the earth, and of course the more people there were the more wicked they became until again there were many, many wicked people in the world.

One day God picked out one good man and told him to leave his country and his father's family and go to a country that He would show him. This man's name was Abram. His wife's name was Sarai. God told Abram, "I will make of thee a great nation . . . In thee shall all families of the earth be blessed." God promised Abram that Jesus would be one of his descendants. Jesus was to be the Savior of the world and take away the curse of sin and be a blessing to all the world.

Abram did as God told him. He took his wife Sarai and his nephew Lot and all the things that belonged to him, with all his servants, and left his own country of Haran to start on a long journey to a country far away.

Abram did not know where God wanted him to go but he obeyed God. He believed God would take care of him.

It was a long journey to this faraway country. When Abram and Sarai said "good-bye" to their relatives and friends at Haran, it was for ever. They never saw them again.

Abram was seventy-five years old when he left Haran. Sarai was almost as old. She was a beautiful woman. Abram was a rich man, having a great many cows, oxen, sheep, asses and camels. He had many men servants and maid servants to help take care of the flocks and herds and do the work. There were no railroads at that time and it took a long time to make a long journey. They travelled by camel. The servants had children and so there was a large company travelling together. They finally reached Canaan, the land to which God led Abram.

Lot also had a great many flocks and herds and tents and servants, so that they were scattered over a large part of the country. In fact, Abram and Lot together had so many flocks and herds that the land could not take care of them, so Abram's servants and Lot's servants began to quarrel about the best places for their herds to graze or eat grass. Now Abram was too good a man to wish for any quarreling so he told Lot that it would be better for them to separate because there wasn't enough grass in one place for the herds of both of them. He let Lot have his choice of all the country round about and when Lot looked up and viewed all the country, he saw that toward the east was the beautiful river Jordan and that all the land near this river was very green and beautiful so he chose this country. He thought he was choosing the best, but he made a mistake. Now if he had not acted selfishly and wanted the best for himself, he would not have gotten into trouble.

In that beautiful land that Lot chose were two of the most wicked cities that have ever been in the world. Every day Lot pitched his tents nearer and nearer to the wicked city of Sodom, and at last he reached the city and lived in it. What a dreadful place for Lot to live! How could his children grow up good?

After Lot and Abram had separated, God came to Abram and told him to look as far as he could to the north, south, east and west, and all the land as far as he could see He would give it to him and his children. God also promised Abram that he would have many children. Abram did not have even one child at this time but he believed God and lived for Him. That's what God wants all of us to do—believe His Word and live for Him, then He will bless us.

Abram's first son he named Ishmael. He was not Sarai's son but was the son of Hagar, Sarai's maid. One day when Ishmael was thirteen years old, the Lord and two more heavenly visitors visited Abram and told him that he should have another son and this son would be Sarai's son too. Then the Lord changed Abram's name to Abraham. He also changed Sarai's name to Sarah, and He told him that they should call their little son Isaac. He promised Abraham that He would bless Ishmael and make a great nation of him. Then Abraham and Sarah with the help of some servants, prepared a nice meal of meat, cakes, butter and milk, and asked the strangers to eat, which they did. They ate out under the trees where no doubt it was nice and cool. Sarah did not come out but she stood in the tent door and heard them talk. She heard them promise Abraham that she should have a son whom they should name Isaac.

When the men were ready to leave, Abraham walked a part of the way with them. Two of the men or heavenly visitors walked on but the Lord lingered behind with Abraham and told him that He was going to destroy the two wicked cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. Abraham thought about his nephew Lot who lived in Sodom and he did not want him destroyed. He asked the Lord if He would spare the city for only a few righteous people. But there were not enough righteous people in the city to save it.

In the evening two angels came to the city of Sodom. Lot was sitting in the gate of the city. He saw the two angels and went to meet them. He was very polite to them. He asked them to come in and spend the night. At first they would not go in but Lot insisted and they went into the house. Before bedtime the wicked people of the city gathered around Lot's house and tried to get the two visitors so they could hurt them. Lot would not let them in and they almost pushed the door down, so the two angels caused the wicked people to become blind. Then they told Lot that the Lord had sent them to destroy the city because the people were so wicked and that he must get his wife, daughters, and sons-in-law and leave the city. Early the next morning the angels awoke Lot and told him to take his family and leave quickly or they would be destroyed too.

Lot's sons-in-law would not pay any attention to him and the angels thought

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BRIEF REPORTS

"A good report maketh the bones fat," Prov. 15:30.

LINDALE, Ga.—I am glad to sound a note of praise to the Lord for the many, many things He has done for me. It seems He has been better to me than anyone.

I thank the Lord for a couple like Brother and Sister E. M. Tapley. They have been a blessing to Lindale. I believe you have to be in the center of the Lord's will for a church to grow like this one has since they have been here. When they first came here the tithes were coming in about $50.00 a month and for the month of November, 1938, we came first in the state of Georgia. The total tithes was $309.73. The church hasn't increased only that way, but in every other way. Brother Tapley has his whole heart in the Church of God. We love Brother and Sister Tapley here. Pray for us here at Lindale.—H. K. Kennington, clerk.

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YAZOO CITY, Miss.—Dear Evangel readers, we truly thank the Lord for what He has done for us. Since we came here we have taken an Assembly of God preacher into the Church of God, also have taken in other members and are planning to change the church soon.

We need your prayers for our body.—C. W. Kendall.

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DRUMRIGHT, Okla.—Sunday morning, Dec. 11, we gathered to dedicate our building to the Lord. Brother Bloomingdale, our state overseer, his wife and baby of Maud were with us, also Sister Starks and daughter of Davenport. The Lord blessed and put His approval on the service. Brother Bloomingdale preached and it was wonderful how the Lord quickened the Word to us. Almost every one received a blessing through his message. Brother and Sister Bloomingdale sang a beautiful song which was inspiring.

In the afternoon we had another wonderful service. Brother Breckenridge brought a good message under the power of God. Some other churches visited us and we had wonderful fellowship together.

Please pray for our church that the Lord will help us finish paying it out of debt. Also pray for our pastor and wife, Brother and Sister Paul Brown. We all love them and are very grateful for their faithfulness and loyalty and their sacrifice for the cause.—Mayme Flynn.

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Work Growing Rapidly

I praise the Lord for the way He has blessed us in Greenville, S. C. We started in a small store building about 20x30 as a mission Dec. 23, 1934, with A. J. Moore as pastor, who is now at Georgetown.

In November, 1935, John L. Yates took the church to pastor. On May, 1936, he set a church in order with forty-eight members. He stayed until James W. Moore came Oct. 18, 1936. He stayed two years, building us a nice 40x60 church, but last year he felt best to change, so we have Brother Odis L. Smith, a man filled with the Holy Ghost and fire, a man who, if he keeps up as he is going, by the Assembly we may have to broaden our borders in North Greenville. Praise the dear Lord for the way He is blessing us.

We have now ninety-seven members and the church has been paying over $100.00 tithes; we also have a radio program each Sunday from 3:00 to 3:30 over the broadcasting station at Spartanburg, and on Sunday night we have between three and four hundred at church. I am sure Brother Smith's many friends will be glad to hear that he is doing fine in North Greenville.

We just closed a revival in which Ora Mae Ruff of Texas did the preaching. I do not believe I have ever been in such a meeting. I remember only two hard services in the whole three and one-half weeks. The Lord was with us. There were people praying through in the old time way. Praise the Lord. Sister Ruff is the most consecrated young lady I have ever seen, a woman who can really preach and one who is led by the Lord. If she feels led not to preach regardless of who is there and how far they came to hear her, she will not preach. I believe she is the best woman preacher I have ever heard.—Joe Childers, clerk, 107 3rd Ave., Park Place, Greenville, S. C.

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We Give God All the Praise

SAVANNAH, Ga.—I feel like shouting the praise of God from the housetop for the Church of God in Savannah, Ga. When Brother Frank Swaggerty and wife came here to start a tent revival, about four months ago, not many people here had ever heard of the Church of God.

Now we have a church set in order, a good Sunday School organized, good crowds attending and we are expecting to start a Y. P. E. soon. We also will have our building ready to begin services in in a few weeks. We give God all the honor and praise for what has been done here.

We desire the prayers of all the saints for us and the church here.—Miss Inez Hayes, Louisville Rd. and Fair St.

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BLAIRSVILLE, Ga.—The Church of God at Owltown is very poor in finance but very rich in the Lord. We praise the Lord for the good meetings we are having here although there are just a few saints holding on to the Lord. Everyone who has visited the church here knows how the saints love the Lord and do all in their power to hold up Jesus.

Pray for us. Pray a special prayer for Brother and Sister Phillips that the Lord will bless and provide for them in their old days, and pray for all the saints to be lifted up, and many souls to be saved as the harvest truly is great around this place. Please pray that the Lord will send us a revival that will defeat the devil and all his forces.—Sister Carrie Miller, Rt. 1.

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Victory at Draketown, Ga.

TEMPLE, Ga.—We thank God for victory at Draketown, Ga. The Lord is really with us. The church is over the top on everything; the members are cooperating better than they ever have. Our Sunday School has increased from twelve to thirty-two.

When our dearly beloved pastor, Brother Maxwell, came here to pastor the church didn't have any place to worship God, but now we have a nice church building, 25x35 feet, and the tithes have run higher than they ever did, although the membership is very small and the members very poor. We have our church seated out and out with benches and we already have our paint bought to paint the church with. You should just drop over and be in services with us. The Lord is in our midst. When it looks as if we have gone as far as we can and done everything we can do, then we stand and watch the salvation of the Lord work. Many times it has seemed that way here, but we just held right on to God until He gave us a nice church building to worship in.

Brother Maxwell and his wife are dearly loved here at Draketown, Ga. He's surely the man for this place as the Lord blesses every effort he puts forth toward the upbuilding of the cause, for which we give God all the praise.—George Freeman, Rt. 2.

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The Lord Came to Our Rescue

PIEDMONT, Ala.—I praise Jesus because I am saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and belong to the Church of God too, the one that Jesus is soon coming after. Praise God. I love the Lord better than anything in this world. He is real to me just now.

I have had the Holy Ghost a little

over seven years and have been trying to work for Jesus, but I want to do more this year than I have ever done for Him. I am so glad because Jesus knows our every need. It seemed that the whole church had gotten discouraged and we didn't have a pastor. We were a flock of sheep without a shepherd, so a few of us began to call on the Lord for help. Bless His name, He heard us and came to our rescue just in time.

Brother L. W. Ledbetter came to run us a revival and the Lord helped him to encourage us all. Some backsliders prayed through to victory and seem to have a determination to press on and help fight the battle to the end. We don't know all the good that was done but eternity will tell and we will understand then. Praise the Lord.

Now we have Brother Ledbetter and his dear wife for our pastor. We all love them. He feeds our souls. We were almost starved for some good soul food. We are encouraged and I believe we can move on for Jesus. We are up with all our quotas.

Pray for us here at Herrings Tabernacle, that the Lord will continue to bless and help us win souls for Him. Pray for our unsaved loved ones.—Flora Young, clerk.

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Work Growing

VALDOSTA, Ga.—I thank the Lord for His blessings of love and for the church at Nashville, Ga. We were appointed to this work at the last Assembly. It is a very small church, but praise the Lord, it is part of the great Church of God which thousands of people love and adore. Yes, a little branch of the great tree, and the good part about it is God knows all about us, and while He is pouring out His blessings in so many other places He doesn't forget us.

We need a larger church building and we are praying that before the next Assembly we can have our state overseer, Brother John C. Jernigan, come over for a dedication service.

On the fourth Sunday in November we had an all-day home coming service with lunch on the ground. The Lord was there to bless and encourage His people. Our district overseer, Brother L. P. Shaw, was with us. We organized a Ladies' Willing Worker Band, also a Young People's Endeavor, which, I think, was the first the church ever had. But thank the Lord, the young people and others went right to work and now are doing fine. The writer is a Gideon for the Lighted Pathway.

Our circuit revival begins, the Lord willing, on the 15th of January. Please pray for us and for the revival.—W. C. Swilley, pastor.

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The Church of God at Ephrata, Pa.

We thank the Lord for the way He has been blessing us since the Assembly, and is still blessing us. Some who had grown lukewarm regained their victory and three were baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire, with the evidence of speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. Eleven followed the Lord in water baptism and in two weeks' time twenty-three were added to the church. Many were healed.

We feel sure much good has been accomplished for God. We also thank God for our pastor, Brother A. R. Martin, who has labored so faithfully with us throughout these three years, even in reverse circumstances. We are still depending on your prayers that we will gain greater victories and win more souls before He comes, for truly He is coming soon and what we do we must do quickly. Behold, now is the day of salvation, now is the accepted time. Pray for us that we will go over the top for Jesus and be ready to greet Him when He comes.—Sisters Ella Mohler and Sylvia Donmoyer.

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Home Mission Work Needed

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Ark.—A few words about home mission work. There has been a good deal said about foreign missions, so I thought I might write a little about our work here in Arkansas. I feel very sure we need a greater work in the foreign fields of labor for God and I know we need a lot of home mission work here. We hear many people say we have the gospel in America and if a fellow doesn't want to accept it, just let him go. Remember, faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God, and how can they hear without a preacher? How many big towns in Arkansas don't even know there is a Church of God existing. There are many people here who never heard a Church of God preacher preach. Thousands of people in the Ozark Mountain country, where it is rough to get around, don't ever get to hear the Word of God. These people are not bad people, they just need to hear the Word of God, that's all. My wife and I have been trying to get the Word of God to these people. Everywhere we have been we have been treated nicely. Of course, most of them are poor people. We ride on the railroad when we can or just any way we can go. We have walked from five to fifteen miles trying to get the gospel to these people. My wife has blistered her feet then reblistered them until she couldn't walk. We are preaching at different places. We get but very little, nothing like enough to pay expenses. We feel like we need a lot of home mission work in our state and if any of you need a place to evangelize and want to do a lot of mission work, this is a good place to come.—E. B. Moffitt.

God Is Working Here

We are happy to be able to report that we have bought a lot for our church here at Douglasville, Ga. as many people know it is a hard place. The first Church of God preaching was done here about twenty years ago by Sister Carrie Kalb and the Church of God people have been trying to get a building here ever since.

We are going to work at once to get the building going up. We are going to have some help from our brothers and friends. We have only ten members here and seven of them are female members, mostly children. There have been a good many of the brothers who told me when we got the lot and got started to building they were going to send in some money to help with it, so please send it to us as soon as possible. If you cannot send all of it at once, send what you can and send more later so we can get to going.

God is working here. All of the other holiness movements are going down here but the Church of God. It looks like God is working everything out to our advantage. Pray that God will have His way here with us that we may enlighten the people as to what the Church of God really is. Some of them don't know what it is. They think it is just a band of people who meets together to shout and have a big time and never do anything toward supporting the gospel and building churches.

This lot is on state highway No. 92 in a good location. We think it will be the best location of any small church in West Georgia.—The pastor, D. E. Harvey, Rt. 4, Douglasville, Ga.

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ROCK HILL, S. C.—I really praise the Lord this morning for what He means to me. I love Him above everything because He's real to me. Bless His dear name! I thank the Lord because I know that I'm one of them today. I thank Him because He saved me from a life of sin, sanctified me and baptized me with heaven's sweet Holy Ghost.

I praise God for the great Church of God and because I'm a member. Bless His good name. I thank the Lord for our good pastor, Brother Linwood Jacobs. He certainly is a God-sent preacher; he preaches the Bible. The Lord is really blessing here. People are seeking the Lord at every service, even at the Willing Workers Band meeting one sister received the Holy Ghost, for which we praise the Lord.

We feel it's not going to be long till Jesus comes and we do want to be ready, we don't want to be empty handed, we want to be about our Father's business. Please pray that I'll be true and do the Lord's will at all times.—Mrs. Mary Turner, 5 West Roy St.

His Way Is Best

SANTA ANA, Calif.—Dear Evangel readers, this time twelve months ago we were about twenty-five hundred miles from our present location, with no thought of coming to California. After our plans all failed we were placed as pastor over the work here at Santa Ana Gardens Nov. 6, 1938.

I thank God for His dear Son and for the leadership of the Holy Ghost, for His way is best. In finding myself insufficient to do the work that is needed at this place, I am not asking to be moved but rather to receive greater wisdom and the enduement of power from on high. Praise the Lord, for I know He is able and will help us.

We have a new church building under way. The enemy has seemingly been hindering the progress as it has been started quite a while.

On Thanksgiving Day we had an all-day working with our lunches spread together at noon. All seemed to enjoy the day and were thankful that they could work.

We desire the earnest prayers of God's people everywhere that we will enter the work this new year with the spirit of Nehemiah (6:3). We want to be somewhere working for the Lord and be watching, ready and waiting for His return that we may go with Him. Pray for us, dear saints, and hold fast to the unchanging hand of God. We will all be gathered together soon around the great throne of God.—John H. Moore, c|o Paul Walker, Rt. 4, Box 123.

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WICHITA FALLS, Tex.—We thank the Lord for the way He is working here in every department of the church. We have as high as one hundred and eight in Sunday School. Our L. W. W. B. is working nicely. They bought two rugs, window shades and a new living room suit for the parsonage. These good people are putting things over for God because they have a mind to work.

We had one of the best revivals we were ever in since we came here. Fifty-five were filled with the Holy Ghost and there were twenty-eight added to the church, for which we give God all the glory.

Please remember the latch string is on the outside of the Church of God at Wichita Falls, Tex.—W. W. Smethers, pastor.

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CARLSBAD, N. Mex.—The Church of God at Carlsbad, N. Mex. is moving along fine. The Lord still saves, sanctifies and heals. One man who had been on milk for over a year had cancer of the stomach and the Lord has healed him. He eats anything he wants. The Lord also saved him and his wife, gave his wife the Holy Ghost and sanctified the brother, delivered him from his tobacco and all his medicine. He is making a regular hand at the potash mines, for which we praise the Lord.

Now our state overseer has served us so nicely and was so good to come and ask our church to buy us pastors a suit of clothes for a Christmas present. The church here bought me a nice Oxford gray, four-piece suit and it is all paid for, for which we thank the Lord and all our many friends, besides the church for its help.

We, the Church of God at Carlsbad, N. Mex., feel like we churches in New Mexico owe our state overseer a new suit. Come on churches, how much will you give? We will go our part, so write me what you will give on this.

We need a revival and would like to get in touch with some real Church of God evangelist who has a record behind him. Bring some help. We are not looking for one of these one or two night collection takers and sheep skinners, but one who has the burden of lost souls on his heart who can and will preach love. Brother L. C. Pennington was with us in a revival last May and we would be glad to have him back. Pray for us at Carlsbad.—Wm. Ford, district pastor, Box 616.

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Jesus Is My Healer

SNEADS, Fla.—Dear saints, I praise my Lord and King for His great healing power. I'm so glad He is my healer. Bless His great name. I trust Him for the healing of my body and soul. Praise His name above all others. He is so precious to me.

I asked the Lord to heal me of a serious headache. I could not stand the weight of myself on the floor and had to lie on the bed. My head was in a serious condition. I knelt down by my bed and prayed for about a half an hour. He wonderfully healed my head. I picked cotton the next day, praise the Lord. He said He would be to us what we took Him to be in His blessed Word. He always proves to be it too, for I take Him to be my healer. He always heals me. I have not a physician. I praise Him for strengthening my nerves and also helping my back. The power of Jesus is great.

I thank everyone who prayed for me. Please pray that the Lord will deliver me so I can work for Him in the way I desire. I want to love Him more. Letters from anyone will be appreciated for I'm deprived of the privilege of being with the Church of God people.—Mattie Lou Mercer, c|o Ralph Burroughs, Rt. 1, Box 165.

He Will Make a Way For Us

WALHALLA, S. C.—I praise the Lord for what He means to me just now. I thank Him because I am saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. A little over a year ago the Lord healed my body of pneumonia when it seemed that I would die. The saints of God just prayed and held on to God and He came on the scene and healed my body and saved my soul, for which I give Him the praise. I praise the Lord for the way He blesses in our home. I am so glad He has promised to stand by His children. The way seems dark sometimes, but if we still call on God He will make a way for us. I have felt inspired for sometime to write through the Evangel for prayer. The Lord healed me once but my faith seems to be weakened and my body is now afflicted with asthma and I suffer so badly at times it seems I can't live, but I know that the Lord is the same today as He was a year ago.

I thank the Lord for the way He blesses at Walhalla No. 1. We have a happy time; the Holy Ghost falls in most every service and the altar is full almost every Sunday night. We thank the Lord for our pastor, Brother Lee; he surely has been a blessing to our church and town and I think he is a good man of God. Our Sunday School is moving up, for which we give God the praise. Please pray for our church to rise and shine for the glory of God.—Emma Stephens, 1 Pritchard St.

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Editorials

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ETERNITY IS ITS DURATION

"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: and I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand," John 10:27-29.

Those who receive Christ and abide in His love are able to overcome the attacks of the enemy and as long as we by faith remain in Him the enemy cannot pluck us out of His hands. God's blessings and His power are ours by faith and the enemy should not have any part in our lives after we are made holy. God will never leave us nor forsake us but will go with us alway even unto the end, but there is something for us to do and as long as we are faithful God will make it possible for us to continue in Him. And too, these scriptures have more reference to life beyond this vale of tears, where we will be free from temptation and Satan's attacks and will be in the glorious kingdom of our heavenly Father where Satan will have no part.

Nothing man has ever constructed has become so famous as the old rugged cross.

REVIVALS

"O Lord, revive thy work in the midst of the years." Hab. 3:2.

MOUNTAIN CITY, Ga.—We have just closed a two weeks' revival at Mountain City Church of God conducted by Ezra Carnes, circuit evangelist. This meeting proved a blessing to many. There were several saved, several sanctified and six added to the church, for which we thank the Lord. The church was revived and many made to rejoice.

We ask the prayers of the saints for this little church, that it may rise and shine. We want to get a new church building here this year. Please talk to the Lord about it. This is a little mountain church but we have some good material here. We surely have some one hundred per cent Church of God members.

The meeting closed by observing the Lord's Supper and feet washing. The old time power fell and the saints rejoiced. These services will be long remembered; they were so edifying to the church. We will appreciate your prayers. —H. A. Powell, pastor.

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MORGANTOWN, Miss. — We praise the Lord for the wonderful revival just closed at Morgantown. God blessed in a wonderful way. There were thirty-three saved, twenty-six filled with the Holy Ghost and eight added to the Church of God. We thank the Lord for sending Brother and Sister Marshall E. Bell of Pensacola, Fla. our way. They labored hard for six weeks to get souls saved. The Lord blesses them wherever they go, for they are really fighting the enemy. Both play musical instruments and the Lord blesses when they sing those good holiness songs. Sister Bell preaches under the power of the Holy Ghost. Old Satan just has to crawl back out of the way when she begins to fight him with the Word of God. There was a great interest and the last night the church would not seat all the people. The Lord only knows the good that will be accomplished through their being here. They helped us reorganize our Sunday School. Brother Bell painted us some banners to work for. You should see the interest each class takes in trying to win these banners. We have banners to represent the following: attention, attendance, class collection, penny march, Bible verse. Then we have a large gold star for the class that wins the most banners for the month.

We praise the Lord for our Y. P. E. We have a fine group of girls and boys here who really love this good way and are doing all they can to make it a success. We have fine talent in our young folks here. We feel like when we older folks have gone on we will have someone to take our place. May the Lord bless Brother Thomas who was our pastor. We are sorry to lose him on account of his health but we are proud the Lord gave us another good man in his place, Brother and Sister Sharp and family. They were with us several nights during our revival; they are good singers and really on fire for God and His cause and we appreciate having them in our town. May the Lord bless them through their remaining stay with us. We thank the Lord for our splendid state overseer, Brother Godwin, whose untiring efforts will be long remembered at Morgantown. May the Lord bless him and his family this year and on and on. May the Lord bless Brother and Sister Douglas in their work throughout Mississippi this year.

We appreciate the good church folks at Laurel, Miss. who came down during our revival. We want them to come back to see us. May the Lord bless everywhere. Pray for us over at Morgantown that we will keep the revival spirit going until Jesus comes. — Mrs. J. Smith.

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BARTOW, Fla.—Another revival was held here at Bartow Church of God for which we praise God. Brother D. W. Moore of Soperton, Ga. was the evangelist. There were thirteen saved, eleven sanctified, ten filled with the Holy Ghost and ten added to the church. Praise His name. The church here is progressing. We thank the Lord for our pastor, Brother John W. Allen, and family. Brother Allen has proved to be a blessing to the church and community. —Sister Idena Blackburn, 855 Vine St.

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SARASOTA, Fla.—We have recently closed a revival which broke out in our church; it was almost like camp meeting. We believe it is the best revival we have had since Brother I. H. Marks set the church in order in 1933. Brother Marks is still loved and often spoken of by the saints in our church. God wonderfully blessed in every service; the great Holy Ghost worked miracles. God anointed our dear pastor, Brother S. A. Keen, with the Word and he did some of the best preaching I ever heard. He won many souls to God. We must not forget Sister Keen for she rendered very good service in the revival. She was on the job every night with her good music and words of encouragement to the seekers. The altar services were good and full of fire with a large number in the altar every night. Four prayed through to the Holy Ghost during the revival and one since it closed. Some were gloriously sanctified, others were saved and all of the saints were blessed. Six were baptized in water, with seven new additions to the church.

We had special healing services and God was surely in them. A woman who had been suffering from cancer and had been to doctor after doctor came and gave her heart to God and was wonderfully healed. Others were healed also. We feel that every department of the church has been blessed and the revival spirit is still in the church, for which we thank the Lord. — Sister Bethel Drymon.

Revival in Bluefield, Va.

We are now in a revival in Bluefield, W. Va. This is a new field and we are having a hard battle but we are expecting God to give us victory in this city.

For the benefit of those who are sick and afflicted we wish to relate some of the wonderful healings which we have witnessed since being with Brother Rouse. Coming from Akron, Ohio to Bluefield, we stopped at Williamson, W. Va. and also at Delbarton. At Williamson Friday night, Jan. 6, a man who had suffered with a broken back for five years was instantly healed. He was the first person in line for prayer. He was an unsaved man, a user of tobacco. Brother Rouse asked him to get rid of his cigarettes, which he did, and he was made to walk perfectly. He came to the platform using a cane and walking with a noticeable limp. He had not been able to walk without the aid of a crutch or cane in five years, except just a few steps about the house, and he could hardly bear to do that, but he left the platform without the aid of his cane and without limping. The building was well-filled and when Brother Rouse asked all who knew this man and the condition he had been in to raise their hands nearly everybody raised his hand. This man could not stoop before he was healed, in fact, the doctor had told him not to attempt to stoop, but after the service was over he showed us how well he could stoop. Not only was he healed but he was saved as well. He told us after the service that he felt as if those cigarettes wanted to jump right out of his pockets.

There was another man in the same service who had been crippled with arthritis for five years and was unable to work in that time. He was also a sinner. Upon throwing his tobacco away he was instantly healed. He had not been able to raise his hands above his head nor close his hands for some time. Brother Rouse asked him to raise his hands above his head. Up went his hands above his head and when he brought them down he discovered to his great astonishment that he could close his hands. He was so astonished that he would look at one hand and open and close it and then look at the other hand and do the same

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REQUESTS

"With thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God," Phil. 4:6.

PRAY FOR:

Unspoken request, for me to be humble.—Mrs. Ruby Barnes, Marvell, Ark.

Me to be healed of smothering spells. —B. F. Allen, Rt. 2, Calhoun, Ga.

God to move a great fear from my heart, grant an unspoken request, my body to be healed.—Mrs. Cumy Stone, Rear 401 Avenue A., N. E., Childress, Texas.

God to heal my body of a breaking out caused from a poisoned system, loved ones to be saved.—Mrs. S. A. Williamson, Avera, Miss.

Sister Alice Sharp to be healed.—Gertrude Briggs, Biltmore, N. C.

To be healed of stomach trouble, to be faithful.—Gracie Rollins, Douglas, Ga.

My husband to be healed of sinus trouble, baby to be healed of severe cold, husband and me to stand true.—Mrs. Wilburn Roberts, Avera, Miss.

My husband to be saved, my home to be a Christian home, me to stand true. — Mrs. Rowena Kilmon, Newcomb, Md.

That I will be renewed in the Spirit and drawn closer to the Lord, that God will send someone here to hold us a revival. If you feel led, write me encouraging letters. — Mrs. Fannie Lawson, Okeeffe, W. Va.

My children to be healed of sores on their bodies, my baby to be healed, God to save my family, our pastor's body to be healed, our church here, God to supply our needs, that I will be an overcomer and be true.—Mrs. C. D. Nine, St. George, W. Va.

God to completely heal my brother who has flu and pneumonia and not expected to live, God to save his soul.—Mrs. Carra Standridge, Rt. 2, Lula, Ga.

For Sister C. Wiley and her baby to be healed of pneumonia, her son who is in last stage of pleurisy to be healed, also to protect the others, God to heal and protect me.—Mary Lou Arrington, 623 Moore Ave., Augusta, Ga.

My son who was in accident and seriously hurt to be healed and saved, my daughter in poor health, that she will receive the Holy Ghost, my husband to be saved.—Mrs. H. M. Allgood, 411 2nd Ave., S. E., Ardmore, Okla.

Healing of my afflicted body.—Estel Shrewsbury, Herndon, W. Va.

To be healed of bad affliction, helpless and earnestly seeking the Lord for healing and victory.—Edgar Fairbor, Layland, W. Va.

Sister Lillie Hensley who is not expected to live, Brother and Sister Edwards' daughter, for me to be in the Lord's will at all times.—Ethel Hill, leader, City Rt. 1, Newport, Tenn.

My brother who is in bad health, Lord to have His way with him.—Mrs. W. W. Morgan, Rt. 4, Cullman, Ala.

Little grandson to be healed of pneumonia and tonsillitis, for the Lord to undertake.—Mattie Jackson, Tuckerman, Ark.

Husband to receive experience that he will be satisfied with, for our church and members here.—Mrs. Lillie Boswell, Heflin, Ala.

The healing of my baby.—Mrs. G. H. Brock, Rt. 3, Hendersonville, N. C.

The healing of my body, to be humble and true, husband to be saved. Anointed handkerchief will be appreciated.—Nettie Lee, Plevna, Ala.

That we can defeat the devil, our pastor's body to be healed, God to bless our efforts in building our church. —Mary Belcher, Lane, Okla.

Me to be healed, left side is paralyzed.—Mrs. Minnie Cowan, Casscoe, Ark.

That I may be saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, unspoken request.—Robert Davis, Rt. 1, Box 50, Duff, Tenn.

My body to be completely healed, God to undertake.—Lee C. Swinford, Rt. 2, Hazel Green, Ala.

Rudy Wymer to be healed of broken leg.—M. E. Porter, Marion, Va.

My baby to be healed of severe cold. —Imogene Black, Boaz, Ala.

God to heal my body, unspoken request, God to give me grace to go through.—Mrs. Lula Dobbins, Rt. 5, Boaz, Ala.

My daughters' children to be healed of colds, croup, tonsillitis, for the mothers to be strengthened and comforted, my husband to be healed of his diseases, an orphan boy to be healed. —Mrs. J. A. Bob Douglas, Rt. 2, Box 115, Jellico, Tenn.

OBITUARIES

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints," Psa. 116:15.

HOLT

Sister Myrtle Holt, faithful member of the Church of God at Newport, Tenn., died Jan. 7, 1939.—Ethel Hill, City Rt. 1, Newport, Tenn.

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CREWS

On Jan. 3, 1939 Brother Claude Crews, a devoted Christian and member of the Church of God, passed away; age seventeen years.—Mrs. H. F. Wheelus, Box 201, Shamrock, Fla.

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CATER

Our dear father, Jasper Cater, died Dec. 16, 1938. We need your prayers, we are so lonely.—His daughter, Mrs. Eva Cain, Eudora, Ark.

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KENDALL

Little Billie Wesley Kendall, our precious eleven-month-old baby, died Jan. 5, 1939.—Brother and Sister Charles Kendall, Mississippi.

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COLVIN

E. T. Colvin, a deacon for many years in the Church of God at Coral Ridge, Ky., died Dec. 26, 1938; age seventy years.—Chas. F. Lockard, pastor, Louisville, Ky.

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BLACKWELL

Little Paul Harden and Gene Franklin Blackwell were born Dec. 29, 1938 and died Dec. 30, 1938. — Their grandmother, Mrs. R. S. Bigham, Rt. 4, Box 37, Rock Hill, S. C.

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KELLY

J. P. Kelly died Jan. 3, 1939, age sixty-seven years.—C. M. Phillips, Linden, Fla.

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ALTIZER

Little Gloria Altizer died Sept. 26, 1938; age two years and one month.—Beulah Browning, Christian, W. Va.

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work. When they saw it demonstrated they said, "Oh, it will kill the bullocks (two of them pulling it) to pull this plow (because it cut so deeply into the ground, such a furrow they had never seen before). But to prove it would not kill the bullocks, Brother Cook used only one bullock, and of course he pulled it quite easily, the nice sharp blade laying back a nice, big, deep furrow again; then they said, "Yes, but if we tried to work with this plow very long it would soon kill the bullock." Then Brother Cook hitched himself to the plow and showed them he could pull it himself very easily. They could make no other excuse, so they fell back upon their "old faithful" one, saying "Well, our fathers, and our grandfathers, and their fathers all used this kind of plow, so we are no better than they; we would rather use our old ones than this new one."

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REVIVALS

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thing. Yes, we are glad to say that God is still healing. I was an eye-witness to these marvelous healings. They were so marvelous that I cannot see how anyone could possibly doubt the healing power of God after witnessing such healings as these.—L. G. Rouse; Harold Phillips, coworker, 1939 Springfield Road, Akron, Ohio.

NOTICES

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Kessler, Sister Jessie Rose, Brothers H. H. Tygart, Ezra Bowen, R. B. Underwood, the Banister Brothers of Delbarton, singers and musicians, Brothers Mance Cantrell, Dewey Estep and Jess Brewer. If you have never heard these preachers you will miss something, also if you have never heard Brothers Troy and Charles Banister sing and play you will also miss a great spiritual feast. Don't forget we are looking for you. Note, the date is Jan. 22. Don't fail us. Everyone is welcome.—W. H. Compton, pastor, Varney, W. Va.

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To the Church of God in Arkansas: We are glad to report that God is blessing in Arkansas. Calls are coming from all over the state wanting help. Many are inquiring about the Church and its program. Come on ministers and saints, let's go over the top with God's program.

State Parsonage

Let us remember that God has blessed us with a good parsonage. Our down payment is made and our monthly note comes due the first of each month, so be prompt to send in your assessment. God will bless you. Just remember we are not spending money for rent but paying for property of our own. Pastors, see that the monthly assessments come monthly with your clerk's report.

Missions

While God is blessing and opening up new fields for the Church of God in this state, it takes money to answer these calls. Please be loyal and keep up your missions. Pastors, remember the pastor who raises the most for missions over fifty cents per member (who has twenty-five or more members) will receive a new suit of clothes at the state convention. The pastors who raise the largest amount per member over fifty cents who have under twenty-five members will receive a new Bible. But remember, in order for you to win the mission prize your five per cent for missions must be paid up to date. We are also asking each church to buy one hog and put it in the pen. Let the church feed it and in June sell it and apply it on missions to be applied on the special missions above fifty cents per member. I can almost hear someone say, We can't do it. Well, you came too late, it is being done. Several of our churches already have their hogs bought and in the pen and feed donated to feed them, and some of our good pastors are feeling so good about it that they have bought two hogs. Who will be next to buy a hog? Let us hear from you.

New Fields

Pastors, let's get into new fields. Each pastor should organize at least one new church this year. The only way to have success is by revivals. If you who live where there is no church will get in touch with us, we will try to get someone to help you in a revival.

Evangel

Each pastor try to put on a month of special Evangel drive. Raise every subscription possible. The Evangel helps spread the Church. If you can possibly spare a dollar, send it to a friend somewhere in the state.

Y. P. E., Sunday School and L. W. W. B.

As Sister W. E. Arnold had to return to Texas on account of her health, Brother A. J. Murray has been appointed over the Y. P. E. and Sunday School work and will receive his mail at our address at present—4618 W. 29th St., Little Rock, Ark. W. W. B's, please send your monthly reports to Sister Henry. She will take care of the W. W. B. work the remainder of the year.

We say one big THANK YOU to Sister Arnold for the splendid work she did while with our Y. P. E., Sunday School and W. W. B. work in Arkansas. Our Y. P. E's are growing by leaps and bounds. Come on, young people, let's go over the top.—Wilma Henry, overseer of Arkansas, 4618 W. 29th St., Little Rock, Ark.

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Correction

Our attention has been called to the report given for the work in West Virginia at the Assembly. Instead of three new churches being set in order there were twelve set in order before the Assembly, and some after the Assembly.

We are sorry of this mistake.

Also, the name of the clerk for the Macclenny, Florida church was left out of the Minutes. The name of the clerk for that church is J. I. Walker, Macclenny, Florida.—E. J. Boehmer, Gen. Sec.-Treas.

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We invite all the neighboring pastors, members and friends to come to an all-day service, fellowship meeting Sunday, Jan. 22. We will have the Lord's Supper and feet washing that night. We have purchased a nice church building and lot at the corner of 12th and Maple. Some of you Louisiana and Mississippi members and preachers come over and enjoy some of our good blessings. Everybody is invited. Our state overseer will be with us on this date to help make you welcome.—John S. Glasscock, Gen. Del., Pine Bluff, Ark.

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We are in a great revival here at Desloge, Mo. with C. E. Richard doing the preaching. The crowds are coming from the north, south, east and west part of the town. God is blessing. Brother Richard is from Alabama and is a real evangelist. Pray for the success of this revival.—G. W. Messer, Desloge, Mo.

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To whom it may concern: My address is changed from Macon, Ga., Rt. 1, to 1449 Mozley Place, S. W., Atlanta, Ga. —J. C. Jernigan, overseer of Georgia.

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We are in a great revival here with Brother J. R. Davis of Calhoun, Ga. in charge. The altar is filled with people seeking God. We are looking for this to be the greatest revival Hamilton has ever had. Pray for this revival that God will give many souls for His Church.—Carl J. Hughes, pastor, 7th and Chestnut Sts., Hamilton, Ohio.

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Welcome to all the Churches of God on the Raleigh, N. C. district. We are having home coming the fifth Sunday in January. We are looking for a great day with the Lord. Tell your friends about this and come. Help us pray, preach, sing and shout. We want all the members of the Hope Mills church to bring a dollar on the new Sunday School rooms.—W. E. Feltman, pastor, Hope Mills, N. C.

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SPECIAL NOTICE

From now until the first of February I am going to give a five per cent discount on all orders sent me for tents. Now is the time to get the tents ready, for the tent meeting season will soon be here.—L. P. Shaw, Box 248, Valdosta, Ga.

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The Illinois state Sunday School banner went to Carrier Mills; Chauncey came in second and East St. Louis (State St.) won third place.

The Illinois state Y. P. E. banner went to Christopher; West Frankfort won second place and East St. Louis (State St.) came third.

The first district Sunday School and Y. P. E. convention will convene at West Frankfort, Ill. Friday night, all day Saturday and Saturday night, Feb. 3, 4, inclusive. We especially invite the whole state of Illinois to attend and those from near-by states. You will receive a welcome here. Brother, plan now to attend. We have selected one to be our leader who has never attended a dry convention. Who? Christ our Lord. We are His servants, He will be in command. Praise His name.—Leonard Newton, state president; Daulton Short, district president.

"For the scripture saith, Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn. And, The labourer is worthy of his reward.

"Against an elder receive not an accusation, but before two or three witnesses."—1 Tim. 5:18, 19.

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Lot was not hurrying fast enough so they took him and his wife and two daughters by the hand and rushed them out of the city. When they came to the edge of the city they did not go any farther with them but told Lot that they should not look back nor stop going until they reached the mountain. Lot asked the angels to let them stop at the little city of Zoar because he feared the mountain was too far away, so the angel gave them permission to stop in Zoar. Then the Lord sent one of the most terrible punishments that has ever come to pass, upon the two wicked cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. God rained fire and brimstone out of heaven upon those cities. They burned with roaring flames that reached high up into the sky. All the houses and all the wicked people burned to ashes.

Lot's wife, hearing the awful roaring of the flames and seeing the redness of the sky, disobeyed the angel's command not to look back. She turned around and looked at the fire. In a moment she was changed from a living woman into a pillar of salt. Lot and his two daughters were saved, but after that awful fire Lot was afraid to live in any city but went into the mountain to live. Poor Lot! His home was burned; his flocks and his herds were destroyed; his wife was turned into a pillar of salt; and he and his two daughters lived in a cave. He was no longer a rich man. He had nothing at all now. He must have wished that he had not thought so much about the beautiful country and about getting rich, but had thought more about serving God and living with people who served Him too.

Victory For God's People Is In The Truth Shown, Ultimately

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"For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the first-fruits of the Spirit even, we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body." While the world is groaning to be redeemed from sin, we, the children of God, groan to be redeemed from this earth. Though while we are here, saints, let's help those who can't help themselves. Let's give our best to God so truth will prevail. Amen.

Taking God at His word and acting upon it, is faith and works in action, constructing the road for progress to reach the goal of success.